

Minutes.....January 29, 2001

10:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, January 29, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Dennis Crawford
Utility Division

(44) In the matter of Montana Power Company, Docket No. D2000.7.98; On January 19, 2001, the Commission received the certification from the State Bar of Montana of the pro hac vice application of Joseph Kubacki, Jr. to appear on behalf of and represent Barretts Minerals, Inc. in this docket. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the pro hac vice application. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(45) In the matter of Montana Power Company, Docket No. D2000.12.215; On December 29, 2000, MPC filed an application seeking an Accounting Order to track its payment of the 4 percent annual franchise tax imposed by the City of Billings plus all associated costs incurred to implement and administer this tax and to record the deferred revenues associated with the tax. MPC may later seek to supercede the Accounting Order with a request to begin billing, under an authorized tariff, the Billings customers who live within the city limits. MPC will join a court action to overturn the imposition of this tax. An accounting order has been drafted. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the accounting order. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(46) In the matter of Black Hills Power & Light, Docket No. D2000.12.214; On December 28, 2000, BHP&L filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on December 29, 2000. Requests for hearing were due by January 29, 2001. No requests have been received. This application will decrease rates by \$2,117 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted. Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the default order. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(47) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 22, 2001. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

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APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(48) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Swanson v. Montana Power Company, complaint re house moving charges, Docket No. N2000.12.212; Commissioner Anderson moved to direct Montana Power Company to comply with rules/statutes and require submission of a revised cost estimate for the house move. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dave Burchett

(49) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's 2000 gas tracker and sale of gas assets, Dockets No. D2001.1.1 and D96.2.22; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the interim order. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Tina Shorten

(50) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Helfrich v. Montana Power Company, complaint re energy audit deficiencies, Docket No. D2000.11.193; Commissioner Anderson moved to dismiss the complaint and follow up by requesting Montana Power Company submit to the Commission monthly copies of customer care cards submitted and returned, and a monthly list of customers having audits performed for a period of six months. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(51) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Kern v. Qwest, complaint re distribution of unlisted number and subsequent telephone solicitation, Docket No. D2001.1.10; Commissioner Anderson moved to issue the notice of complaint. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Mike Lee, Scott Fabel

(52) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone Company, Docket No. D2000.1.14; Commissioner Brainard moved to have the full commission, including Commissioners Brainard and Stovall, participate in this docket by changing the quorum to full commission participation. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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GARY FELAND, Chairman

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